

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed September 7, 2006 and the final Office Action mailed June 15, 2006. Following entry of this amendment, claims 1-16, 18-22 and 25-35 remain pending in the present application. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the obviousness rejection of independent claim 16 as noted in the June 15, 2006 final Office Action remains standing. In the final Office Action, the Examiner also:

- allowed claims 1-15 and 25-35; and
- objected to pending claims 17-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended claims 16 and 18-22 to ultimately depend from allowed independent claim 25. Applicants have also canceled claims 17 and 23-24 without prejudice, and have amended dependent claim 35 to correct claim dependency and conform with language in other claims. These claim amendments do not represent acquiescence in the Examiner's rejections, but rather are made only to expedite prosecution and place the present application in condition for allowance. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any previously presented and/or canceled claims in one or more continuation applications. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance because the Examiner has previously indicated that each of the remaining independent claims, i.e., claims 1 and 25, is allowable over the prior art of record, and all dependent claims have been amended to ultimately depend from one of these allowable independent claims.

Applicants again wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider pending claims 1-16, 18-22 and 25-35 with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (212) 326-3939 if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining issues.

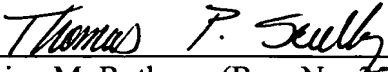
No fees are believed due with this submission. Should any additional fees be

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